# ITALIANS CAPTURE AUSTRIAN BASE

# HAIG'S MEN IN SUCCESSFUL RAIDS IN FLANDERS; FRENCH TAKE VILLAGE

# **TAKE PRISONERS** IN PATROL CLASH

120 Germans Fall Into British Hands in Vicinity of Merris, Flanders Front.

FRENCH CONTINUE GAINS

Capture Longpont, East of Villers-Cotterets, and Occupy Javage Farm.

(Associated Press) London, July 12 .- Further operations were carried out by British troops last night, notably in the Flanders area near Merris and Meteren, the war office announced today. Prisoners were taken in a patrol encounter in the Kemmel sector on this front.

Another British party raided the German lines near Hamel. south of the Somme. A patrol clash in the neighborhood of Gavrelle, northeast of Arras, also resulted in the taking of prisoners. NEW EXCUSE WHY U-BOATS In their operation in the vicin-

ity of Merris the British took 120

Raids Near Montdidier. (Associated Press.)

Paris, July 12 .- The Village of Longon the Savieres river east of Villers-Cotterets, has been captured by the French, says the official statement from the war office today.

The French also continued their progress north of Chavigny farm and east of Faverolles, Javage farm, northeast of Faverolles, Javage farm, north-east of Faverolles also was occupied. In raids north of Montdidier and in Champagne the French captured fif-teen prisoners. The official text reads: "Our troops continued their progress north of Chavigny farm and east of Faverolles. Last night our troops oc-cupied the village of Longpont and the Javage farm.

Javage farm.
"Two raids, one north of Montdeller, and the other in Champagne resulted in the capture of fifteen prisoners.
"The German artillery was rather active on the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun region.)

# **CHANGE OF OFFICIALS**

Von Hertling Declares Wilson's Utterances Force Germany to Continue Struggle.

(International News Service.)
Copenhagen, July 12.—"The change of foreign secretaries will not change the foreign or internal policies of the German government," Chancellor Von Hertling declared in a speech before the main committee of the reichstag, said a dispatch from Berlin today. The

chancellor went on to say:
"The utterances of President Wilson
and foreign Secretary Balfour (of England) force Germany to continue

struggle.
Foreigs Secdetary Von Hintze has given a binding promise to follow every pledge made by the chancellor. "The change of foreign secretaries was not caused by any real differ-ences, but by personal discussions of matters that should not be made pub-lic. Germany's attitude on peace is unchanged. It will never change so unchanged. It will never change so long as the policy of destruction marks the speeches of our enemics.

"The closest union exists between the political and military factions.
"We are ready to receive any sincere peace proposals the enemey shall make."

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The statement reads:

"In the successful minor enterprise taken by us yesterday southwest of Merris we captured more than 120 prisoners and ten muchine guns.

"A raid attempted by the enemy yesterday south of Bucquoy was repuised. We carried out a successful raid during the afternoon northeast of Merris.

"During the night Welsh troops raided the German trenches in the vicinity of Famel and captured sixteen prisoners and a machine gun, in addition to destroying many durouts and inflicting casualties on the enemy. Successful raids were carried out by us also near Meteren. Further prisoners were taken by our troops in these engagements and also in patrol encounters in the nightborhood of Gavrelle and in the Kemmer sector."

# RUSSIAN RAILWAY MEN ON

Paris, July 12.—(Havas Agency.)— Russian railway men are on strike in several districts, according to a Zurich dispatch quoting the Leinzig Neuste Nachrehten. The strike promises to be general, the dispatch says.

DELIVERING THE MAIL IN THE TRENCHES



Trench letter carrier delivering the daily mail to the Americans in the trenches.

# DO NOT SINK TRANSPORTS

Prefer to Attack Unarmed Vessels, as Huns Think This Better Part of Valor.

(International News Service.) Amsterdam, July 12 .- A brand-new explanation why German submarine are not sinking American transports has just been put out by the semi official Wolff bureau of Germany. According to this excuse, the U-boats are confining themselves to attacking

neutral and allied shipping in the traf-

fic lanes. The bureau adds: "Submarines are not wasting precious time trying to trap transports which are well armed and are convoyed by warships that are well able to save the greater part of the men on the transports. To sink transports would be an exploit, but it would not further the principle for submarine

# DOESN'T AFFECT POLICY DRIVE BEGUN TO OFFSET ALLIED BOMBARDMENT

warfare.

Germans Cry "Kamerad" After but Taste of Aerial Attacks on Rhine Towns.

(Associated Press.) Geneva, July 12.-Another campaign has been undertaken along the Rhine in order to prevent allied bombardment of Rhine towns.

The landing of the Dutch, of Baden, has been asked to pass a resolution requesting the government of the grand duchess to exercise its influence with the imperial authorities to come to an agreement with the belligerents to abandon on both sides the aerial bombardment of towns outside the zone of military operations. In a speech in the landtag in favor of the proposition, Deputy Narun declared that aerial attacks on localities behind the front serve no military purpose and that only innocent women and children suf-

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In commenting on this new campaign, the Lausanne Gazette declares that the Germans, since the beginning of the war, have bombarded London and Paris with Zeppelins and airplanes many more than a hundred times, while the allies, during the three years, for various reasons, were unable to reply, but did not whine. Now the Germans, it adds, after only a few months of bombardment of their open towns, are crying "kamerad."

## ONE OF ASSASSINS OF MIRBACH ARRESTED

German Ambassador to Russia Killed by Hand Grenade at Moscow Last Saturday.

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(International News Service.)

London, July 12.—One of the two assassins who murdered Gen. Count Von Mirbach, the German ambassador to Russia, at Moscow last Saturday, has been arrested, said an Exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today, giving the Frankfurter Zeitung as authority for the statement.

# CHOLERA IN PETROGRAD

(Associated Press.)
London, July 12.—Owing to
the shortage of food, cholera
is on the increase in Petrograd and hundreds of persons
are daily falling victims to it,
says a Russian wireless dissays a Russian wireless dis-patch received today.

## **BRITISH DROP BOMBS** ON CONSTANTINOPLE

One Hundred and Twenty Prisoners Captured in Operations Around Merris.

(Associated Press.) London. July 12 .- Air force contingents with the British navy dropped a half ton of bombs upon the city of Constantinople on July 7, it was announced by the admiralty today. All English planes returned safely.

#### POSTPONEMENT ON BONE-DRY CLAUSE REACHED

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 12.—An agreement for postponement of a vote on wartime "bone dry" prohibition has virtually been reached with "dry" leaders in the agree. in the senate, and plans for a con-gressional recess appeared this after-noon to be taking definite shape,

#### FATHER'S CRIME PROMPTED BY FEARFUL APPREHENSION

(International News Service.)
Albany, N. Y. July 12.—Fearing that his 3 1-2-year-old child would be an imbcclle for life, George Robinson, shipping clerk of the Corona Typesnipping cierk of the Corona. Type-writer works, at Groton, eight miles from here, last night shot the child through the heart and mouth, killing it instantly, then committed suicide by shooting himself through the mouth. Robinson had brooded over the child's condition for some time.

#### HEAVY TAX MAY DESTROY MOTIVE POWER BUSINESS

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 12.—A heavy tax on advertising in the new revenue bill will "destroy the motive power of American business," the ways and means committee was told today by Jesse H. Neal, executive secretary of the associated business papers organization, representing postponed trade ization, representing postponed trade

#### **FEDERAL PRISONERS TO** MANUFACTURE SUPPLIES

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 12.—Prisoners in
United States penitentiaries will be
compensated for the manufacture of supplies for the use of the government.

according to the use of the government, according to the terms of an act signed today by President Wilson.

The act provides for the equipment of the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., for the manufacture of government supplies and for payment to prisoners for their work.

#### FISHING STEAMER MAY HAVE HIT FLOATING MINE

(International News Service.)
An Atlantic Port, July 12.—A rumor is in circulation here today that an unknown fishing steamer was sunk yes-Mirbach was killed with a haud grenade in the German embassy at Moscow. Two men, having passports from a special committee, gained entrance to the embassy upon the ground that they had business to conduct with the German official.

An Atlantic Port, July 12.—A rumor is in circulation here today that an unknown fishing steamer was sunk yesterday afternoon about ten miles off the coast, probably from contact with a floating mine. No information regarding the report could be secured from officials here

# TURKEY REPLIES TO U.S. DEMAND

For Explanation of Sacking of Hospital-Con't Ascertain Facts.

(Associated Press.) Washington, July 12-Turkey has inormed the United States through the Swedish foreign office that so far the true facts as to the reported seizure of the American consulate and sacking of an American hospital at Tabriz by Turkish soldiers have not been ascer-tained, but that it will be done at the

carliest possible moment.

The United States asked for an explanation of this incident which if regulad Ottoman troops were involved might mean a declaration of war. The attack was reported June 19 by the Spanish consul, who took charge of the consulate when the American conaul with a large party of Americans and other foreigners left the Persian city at the approach of the Turks.

Actual Difficulties.

Minister Morris at Stockholm re-ported today that the foreign office had informed him the inquiry of the United States had not reached the Ottoman government until July 5. Then the matter was presented with a request for a telegraphic reply, which now has come in the form of the statement that an investigation is proceeding.

It is assumed here that the Turkish government actually is having great difficulty in communicating with forces in Persia, and it will be par-icularly hard to obtain the facts if the Tarbriz outrage was committed Kurds or other irregulars.

## MOST "GODMOTHERED" **BOY IN ALL FRANCE**

First Batch of Telephone Girls Adopts French Orphan Boy Five Years Old.

(International News Service.) Paris, July 12.—The first batch of lephone girls that arrived in France have adopted a war orphan—a 5-year-old boy. The girls are clubbing to-gether to put up 500 francs yearly to educate him. All of the girls can speak French and it is safe to say that



Possum. Now.

# (Associated Press.) Paris, July 12—The Britsh fighting forces in Frence now aggregate two million men, says the Havas correspondent on the British front. This equals the number on the front in 1917.

**GERMANS PLAN NEW OFFENSIVE** 

Drive This Month Scheduled for

South of Ypres With Calais

as Objective. DRIVE ON VIMY RIDGE

May Take Place Simultaneoustv With That in Flanders-Epi. demic of Spanish Fever.

(By Bert Ford, International News Service Staff Correspondent.) With the American Army on the British Front, July 10 .- (Delayed.)-

There are reports of wholesale illiness in the German army from the Spanish grippe or the "Spanish fever," as the Germans call it. Whole divisions have had to be leved because of the epidemic.

## TRIPLE MYSTERY DEATH STILL PUZZLES POLICE

Authorities Think Elder Krause May Be Able to Throw Some Light on the Case.

Waukesha, Wis., July 12,-Local and Milwaukee authorities are today seek-ing Elder Krause, a farm hand and probationer from South Milwaukee, in the hopes of clearing up the triple mystery death at the Wm. Mille farm near here yesterday, where Hille, Hulda Hille, his sister, and Ernest Fentze were found dead, under unusual circumstances.

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Krause, who is missing, was em ployed by Hille, breeder of blooded horses, five of which were found shot to death on the farm. A note given to a neighbor, Mrs. Wm. Dingledein, a receipt for \$30, "for protection against exposure," signed by the sister, which was found, are believed to be connected with the ending of the three lives.
Police believe that Fntze, who is said

to have pretended he was a secret service agent, may have attempted to extract money from the aged man and woman, each of whom was past sixty, on the ground of exposing them as being disloyal, as they were of German extraction. Krause too, is said to have extraction. Krause, too, is said to have some alleged misdeeds of his which was so had that the sister had torn up the note he had sent her.

### **GOV. RYE CARRIES ON** CAMPAIGN IN SULLIVAN

(Special to The News.)

Bristol, July 12.—Gov. Tom Rye, in his senatorial candidacy, invaded Sullivan county yesterday and today. At Kingsport last night he spoke to 1,500 again beg that their names be not discovered. He was introduced by Wm. R.

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WILL REDUCE CAR SERVICE
TO A STRICTLY WAR BASIS

(International News Service.)
Savannah, Ga., July 12.—Beginning
next Monday, the Savannah Electric
company will reduce street car service
to employed in the army again."

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to a strictly war basis. Car schedules
will be reduced, one-man crews installed and many other plans carried
out to conserve labor, power and equipment.

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Note that the hint I want to give you — let this sink well in your dome — who is guilty's not the question — Manicure your nails at home.

The Weather — Fair tonight, and Saturday fair and slightly warmer.

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# INFANTRY AND BIG GUNS **ACTIVE IN 175-MILE ZONE**

Austro-Hungarian Artillery Develops Intensity On East Wing of Balkan Front - Italians Advance Nineteen Miles and Take Important Base of Berat.

(International News Service) London, July 12. - The important Austro-Hungarian base of Berat, in southern Albania, has been captured by the Italians, said a Central News dispatch from Rome today. (Berat is thirty miles northeast of Valona.)

By the capture of Berat all danger of a successful Austro-Hungarian drive against Valona has been eliminated.

The Italian lines are being advanced thirty kilometers (about nineteen miles) in southern Albania and have been shortened more than thirty miles.

The Italians took many Austro Hungarian prisoners in the fighting around Berat.

Occupied Kosnitza Crest. (International News Service.) Paris, July 12.—While the Italians month.

There is also talk in the German ranks of an effort north of Albert, simultaneously with the drive in Flanders, in an effort to turn Vimy ridge and Lorette heights from the area south of Arras.

There are reports of wholesals are so the German and beginning the control of the Balking from the Austro-Hungarian artillery has developed great activity further eastward and there is now mingled infantry actions and big gun duels over a zone of nearly 175 miles.

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que dealing with operations in the Bai-

"South of the Devolt our troops, con-tinuing their successful advance, have reached and occupied Kosnitza crest as well as all the villages in the Tomorica valley as far as Dobrney.

"The enemy's artillery is displaying great activity especially west of the Vardar river and north of Monastir.

(By Cyril Brown.)
(Copyright, 1918, by New York World.)
The Hague.—Militarism has broken the strike of the Hamburg Bourse. The commanding general of the local army corps promulgated ordinances threatening all exempted members with being immediately drawn into the army unless they resumed trading forthwith. The result was that the Hamburg brokers voted for an immediate resumption of business on the Bourse.

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A curious instance of militarism is reported from Dresden. The military authorities of the government of Saxony decreed that the school children of that state will not get a summer vacation beginning on July 15 unless they "voluntarily" gather at least 200,000 tons of leaves as "Ersatz" hay for horses of the field armics.

The military and civilian authorities for weeks have been exerting pressure on the school children to make hay voluntarily, but the results have been disappointingly small, resulting in this drastic threat to the children unless they gather the full amount of hay. This "military measure," incidentally, is proof of the tremendous manpower shortage during the harvest season.

The reichstag debate on the army budget disclosed other interesting phases of militarism. War Minister Von Stein regretted frequently the far-reaching promises made to the leeker. The unkept promises hinted at by Von Stein include the promise to release the oldest landsturm men from the service, and also the surviving sons in families that had already long the step of the tremendous number of convictions of innocent solders when have no appeal from the verdict in the field. The army budget debates are read at the front with breathless tension. Whoever reads the thousands of letters reaching reichstag members from the field knows how demoralizing is the treatment accorded here to the wishes of the field gray men."

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Kingsport last night he spoke to 1,500 people. He was introduced by Wm. R. Roller, a wealthy farmer.

The governor's speech was devoted mainly to what has been accomplished in the war activities in Tennessee, He was cordially received at Kingsport.

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This has been felt like a blow from a whip by the men at the front, he declared.

The war minister disclosed that

Liberal members have charged that resentment was caused among soldiers on the battle fronts by reports of Ger-

man war correspondents, particularly by "exaggeration of enemy losses and the all too crude minimizing of our own losses, also by running down en-emy soldiers."

# EXTRAVAGANCE IN U. S. CONSIDERED CRIMINAL A Washington special states that taxes are contemplated on practically (Associated Press.) (Corfu, July 12.—A serious mutiny among the Austrian troops in one of the occupied districts of Serbia is announced by the Serbian press bureau here. The garrison at Kraguyevatz, the former Serbian arsenal, broke into rebellion because of bad food, the statement declares, and many of the officers were killed. The mutiny was suppressed after a veritable battle in which machine guns and artillery were freely used.

British aviators successfully bomb, ed enemy depois in the Struma valley." every nonessential of of life, in sug-gestions sent to the ways and means committee of the house by the war de-partment. The design of these taxes, which it is proposed to incorporate in the new revenue bill, is to bring a halt to the extravagance throughout the

hited States in practically every line The suggestions of the treasury artment were for two groups of new axes aimed at the elimination of expenditures for luxuries, and in their scope covering practically every non-ssential, at the same time providing that expenditures for the mose costly

necessaries should likewise be penal-

cars is proposed

### AUSTRIANS IN SERBIA IN SERIOUS MUTINIES

(Associated Press.)